

CARNEGIE PLEADS FOR EASY WORDS

Explains His Plan to Finance Reforms in English Spelling.

WILL HELP FOREIGNERS

Also Give Great Aid to Children, Who Could Save a Year of Study by His System.

LANGUAGE CHANGES ANYHOW

Wealthy Ironmaster's Purpose Is to Hasten Enrichment of English Tongue.

For SPRING, Va., Saturday.—Andrew Carnegie made a statement to-day giving his views on the proposed reform of English spelling. He said:

"From Chaucer's time and before till now our language has been constantly changing and improving, not under any rule or system, but simply as occasion has required new words and new spellings. The great Oxford Dictionary, now under publication, gives the history of each word, and shows that words creep into our language in the most haphazard manner. A new word expresses a new want or an old want better than the word in use did, so forces itself into use. Nothing can bar it out, while the word invented with the strictest regard to rule may apply in vain. What is slang one year is correct English a few years later. Thus is our language enriched. It is a slow process, but a steady and sure one. All the struggles of pedants and purists are helpless against it.

"The organized effort I have agreed to finance is not revolutionary—far from it. Its action will be conservative. Word after word it will endeavor to improve the spelling and the language slowly, of course, but hastening the pace if possible, that is all. The editors who are disposed to ridicule the effort themselves use words, and especially spellings, which their predecessors of a century ago would have denounced as degrading to literature.

"The editors of the next century will, in turn, marvel at the uncouth spelling of our present scribes.

"Since our language has been constructed through unceasing change, literary men should welcome new words and new spellings, since it is by these alone that further improvement can come.

Scholars denounced plow for plough, for instance. But plow has been accepted. So with many words that will readily occur to readers.

"Our language is likely to prevail in the world, and we may hope it is to become finally the universal language, the most potent of all instruments for drawing the races together, insuring peace and advancing civilization. The foreigner has the greatest difficulty in acquiring it because of its spelling. This is, at least, his chief obstacle, for its grammar is easy.

"Hundreds of scholars have agreed to use improved spelling for twelve words. These words are already well started in actual use. Other simplifications will be suggested. If meritorious, they will be accepted. Teachers have assured me that children would be saved more than a year of instruction if our spelling were simplified.

"Why the perverse 'ough' spellings should be continued one cannot understand. When we write 'thou' it expresses exactly the same sense as 'though,' and expresses the sound better. Indeed, 'thou,' with the superfluous apostrophe, abounds in British authors from Addison down. We just drop the apostrophe. That 'thou' will get into general use soon is certain.

"Our successors will smile at the 'ough' spellings as we do to-day at what we call the 'queer' spelling of Chaucer.

"In trying to hasten the use of simplified spelling and to improve our own language for the struggle for first place, which is even to-day upon us, we are engaged in a most useful work. If he be a benefactor who makes two blades of grass to grow where one grew before, he is no less a benefactor who plants a shorter and simply spelt word where a longer and a seemingly spelt word cumbered the ground before.

"I hope that thoughtful people will give this important and conservative reform due consideration and resolve to use at least two or three simplified words, and thus carry themselves with us in our effort to carry on the unceasing work of improving our mother tongue and adapting it for its noble purposes and high destiny."

SUSPECTED OF STEALING SAFE

Detectives Think They Have the Men Who Carried Off Strong Box in Brooklyn.

In the arrest, late last evening, of three men in a saloon in Attorney street, Inspector McLaughlin believes he has the burglars who carried off a safe, with contents worth \$7,000, from No. 871 Park avenue, Brooklyn, on March 14.

At Police Headquarters the prisoners are booked as Oscar Kirschen, Herman Friedles and Abe Epstein. All are well known to the Detective Bureau. The detectives found, they say, that the three named men in Attorney street. They watched this saloon, and found it to be the resort of many persons, besides the three named, who were well known at Police Headquarters. They made a raid on the place and took thirteen men prisoners.

ABDUCTION OF GIRL ALLEGED.

Gray Bearded Man Is Detained on a Charge from Belgium.

On a charge that she had been abducted from Belgium, Marie Peters, who said she was twenty-two years old, but did not look to be more than sixteen, was arraigned in the Tombs Court yesterday. When she told Magistrate Wahl her address was No. 231 West Thirty-eighth street, her words were hardly audible, so thick were the furs around her neck. She was paroled in custody of Charles Romet, counsel for the Belgium Consul.

Nicolaus Marten, whose beard is gray, was arraigned as her abductor and sent to Police Headquarters until Monday, when the examination will be continued.

FLOOD OF SPURIOUS BILLS.

Band of Counterfeiters Reap a Harvest in Fort Worth, Texas.

Fort Worth, Texas, Saturday.—Fort Worth has been flooded with counterfeit \$10 bills.

The bills are of the buffalo type and closely resemble the genuine so far as the stamp and engraving are concerned, but the paper is much thicker and heavier than the government paper and is not discernible in the composition.

LA VAUX TO TRY FOR SOUTH POLE

Famous Aeronaut Determined to Cross the Antarctic Continent.

HERE WITH BALLOONS

His Plan Is to Establish Relay Stations and Use an Automobile in Dash Over Ice.

IS UNDAUNTED BY PERIL

Arriving on the Savoie, He Probably Will Undertake an Ascent at West Point This Week.

Count Henri de la Vaux, most famous of aeronauts who arrived yesterday on the Savoie, is enthusiastically over plans to try to reach the South Pole by means of balloons and a specially constructed automobile. By establishing relay stations across the great antarctic continent, he is confident that the feat can be accomplished.

"While the North Pole probably is surrounded by a great expanse of water," he said, "it has been demonstrated that a great continent covers the southern extremity of the earth. My plan is to construct a series of relay stations reaching from the edge of the antarctic continent to the pole by wireless telegraphy.

"Provisions would be carried by balloons, which would be abandoned on the return trip. A new kind of fuel oil is being perfected which will not freeze except at a very low temperature, which will make it possible to use an automobile over the crust of the snow that caps the continent, and by that means I should hope to make the return to the coast."

Count De la Vaux said it would require between two and three years to complete the preparations, and perhaps several years in the antarctic in making the attempt, but he declared that the risks involved do not deter him from making the venture. Dr. Charcot, who has already added greatly to the knowledge of the antarctic, is associated with Count De la Vaux in the undertaking.

BRINGS THREE BALLOONS.

With him Count De la Vaux brought three large balloons—the Centaure, which will carry four passengers, the Orient, with a carrying capacity of three, and the Ludion, which will carry two persons. He is eager to make an ascent in this country, and it is probable that arrangements will be made for an ascent from West Point the latter part of the week, if weather conditions are favorable.

Until changes are made in the gas plant at Pittsburgh it will not be feasible to make a further attempt to start from there, but information has been received by the Aero Club that within a month a large pipe will be fitted to a reservoir having a capacity of 125,000 cubic feet of gas, which would make it possible to fill over the Centaure in a comparatively short time.

It is expected that Count de la Vaux will speak at a meeting of the Aero Club, to be held on the night of April 3, and if an ascension is made from West Point he will address the Officers' Club the night before.

BENNETT CUP EVENT.

Count La Vaux is enthusiastic over the prospects for the Bennett Cup contest, which he said would be the greatest sporting event of the century. The date has been set for September 30, in Paris. Entries from nine countries have been received, but those from Russia and Austria were rejected because of irregularities. He and two others will represent France. Germany will have Baron von Hewald and Herr "Hugo," Belgium, M. Van der Driessche; Spain, J. F. Duro, Captain Kindelau and Don Esteban Gutierrez de Salamanca; America, Frank S. Lahn and Santos-Dumont; Italy, Signor Alfredo Vonneller and Count de la Vaux. Three pilots who are yet to be named.

Of America's chance Count de la Vaux spoke hopefully, especially in view of Mr. Lahn's already good record as an aeronaut, but he looks upon the Spanish team as the most dangerous to his own chances. He expects to remain in this country at least a month, but he is anxious to return to France to tune up his balloons for the summer races.

TRINITY NOT INTERESTED.

Officials of Church Corporation Deny Share in Plan to Alter Thames and Temple Streets.

H. H. Cammann, controller, and William Jay, clerk of the Corporation of Trinity Church, yesterday issued this statement: "Will you please state that the rector, church wardens and vestrymen of Trinity Church, in the city of New York, commonly called the Corporation of Trinity Church, are not the owners of No. 111 Broadway, generally known as Trinity Building, nor do they own any land in the city of New York, nor do they own any property in the westerly side of Broadway, between Thames and Cedar streets, nor have this corporation in any way contemplated changes in Thames street and Temple street."

"Statements have been in the public press to the effect that Trinity Corporation is the owner of the building and the lands in question, and is advocating the proposed changes in Thames street and Temple street. To avoid misapprehension we deem it important that this statement should be made."

ODELL IN ENEMY'S CAMP.

Will Go to Binghamton to Make an Address To-Morrow.

Confident of his control of a majority of the members of the State committee, Mr. Odell has arranged to appear in the headquarters of his enemies to-morrow night by attending the annual dinner of the Binghamton Press Club, where he will make a speech.

This is the home of George W. Dunn and Representative John Dwight, two of the most radical anti-Odell men in the State. Colonel Dunn also is to make a speech.

BANKER SENT TO PRISON.

Former Manager of Wrecked Institution Pled Guilty to Forgery.

HANCOCKVILLE, Mo., Saturday.—Thomas M. Casey, former general manager of the Bank of Salmon & Salmon, of Clinton, which failed last summer owing money to many poor depositors, pleaded guilty here to-day in the Circuit Court to a charge of forgery and was sentenced to five years' penal servitude. The bank had been in existence forty years and was considered one of the strongest financial institutions in the State. Several of its depositors were wrecked by the failure.

Fruit Steamship a Total Loss.

Eastport, N. Y., Saturday.—The Bodo, a fruit steamship, stranded ten miles west of Fire Island, will probably be a total loss, all efforts to float her having failed. Half of the crew has remained on board.



A BRANCH OF LAW THEY DIDN'T QUITE UNDERSTAND.

WEDDING FOLLOWS 40 YEAR ROMANCE

Tallman F. Hurlbert Marries Sweetheart of His Boyhood After Separation for Two Decades.

CHILDREN, PLIGHTED TROTH

Both Took Other Helpmates, He One, She Two, but Early Love Is Fulfilled at Last.

Romance, which had its beginning forty years ago in spelling bees and singing school in a country village, ended yesterday in the marriage of Tallman F. Hurlbert and Mrs. Ann M. Hurlbert.

Both bride and bridegroom are past the meridian of life. He had been married once and she twice. They departed on their honeymoon to the old home up the State, however, as if to them the whole world were young, and they will spend several weeks amid the scenes of their childhood.

Both were born in Waterloo, Seneca county, N. Y., a little town in the lake region. In the interior of the State, as school children, they talked of the day when they would be married. There was a misunderstanding, however, and she finally married a cousin of her present husband, Moses Hurlbert, Tallman F. Hurlbert went West and established a fruit farm at Breedsfield, Mich., within a few miles of Chicago, where he, too, married.

On a trip East he again met the object of his boyhood attachment, and, being a widower and his bride having divorced Frank Smiley, whom she had married after the death of her first husband, he proposed marriage. They were married at the home of the Rev. Dr. Henry March Warren, the hotel chaplain, at No. 18 West Sixty-fourth street.

Mr. Hurlbert is fifty-four years old and his bride one year. His junior, Mrs. Hurlbert, has a son, George Murray Hurlbert, who is a well known lawyer practicing in this city.

CROWD SEES POLICE RAID.

Detectives Enter Alleged Poolroom in West Thirty-First Street—Capture Much Apparatus.

Five thousand persons thronged West Thirty-first street yesterday afternoon while five detectives effected an entrance into an alleged gambling house by means of a window in the rear. Going upstairs, they burst open a heavy wooden door in a room in the front second floor, but found only John Dorcy, who said he lived at No. 109 West Thirty-first street. He was charged with aiding and abetting in keeping a gambling resort.

In the room the police discovered four "layouts." Proceeding to the third floor, which showed signs of having been the scene of a hurried exit, they found cards, chips and racing slips, together with live telephones.

The police were puzzled to account for the extraordinary manner in which the occupants had disappeared, and it was not until the fourth floor was reached that they discovered a door which opened into the next house.

Valencia Sweeney, of No. 111 West Thirty-first street, was arrested last night and charged with keeping and maintaining the gambling saloon.

ALLEGED BANKRUPT FLED.

Traced to Italy, Where \$2,000 Deposited in His Name in a Bank Is Attached.

Raffaelli Sennelli, who had a chain of grocery stores at Brewsters, Towners and Dyckman, in Putnam county, N. Y., when the Croton dam was building, and against whom a petition in bankruptcy was filed here on February 14 by Lesser Brothers for several creditors of New York, has fled to Italy.

Lesser Brothers ascertained that Sennelli sent \$2,000 to Italy from this city on November 20, and \$100 on November 27.

In Rome \$2,000 in Sennelli's name has been attached in the Postal Savings Bank. This money is alleged by creditors here to be the proceeds of the sale of the stores, which should have been used to pay debts here. His liabilities here are estimated at \$15,000.

URGES DELANY TO APPEAL.

City Club Not Satisfied with Decision Touching Belmont Tunnel.

Members of the City Club yesterday sent a letter to John J. Delany, Corporation Counsel, urging him to appeal from the decision of Judge Blanchard preventing the city from interfering with the construction of the Belmont tunnel under the East River.

Such an appeal should be taken without delay, the club maintains, to prevent the Interborough Rapid Transit Company from continuing work on this tunnel until the validity of its franchise has been established.

HOSTILE INDIANS SHOOT DOWN SEVEN

Yaquis Massacre Presidente of La Dura, Mexico, and Six of His Party.

ALMOST IN SIGHT OF HOME

Men of Party Died Defending Women and Children from Unseen Foe.

Los Angeles, Cal., Saturday.—News has reached this city of the murder of five members of the family of Pedro Meza, presidente of La Dura, in Sonora, Mexico, and brother-in-law of Frederick A. Hartmann, president of the William Heege Company, of Los Angeles, and two others, who were massacred by Indians within a few miles of their home, and their bodies left in the roadway between Ortiz and La Dura until a sufficient number of Mexican troops could be sent to overawe the raiding outlaws and bring in the victims. The names of those killed are:—

Señor Pedro Meza, presidente of La Dura, a wealthy mining contractor and one of the most prominent men in the district. Señora Silvina Meza, wife of the presidente; Señoras Carmen, Eloisa and Pancheta Meza, eighteen, twenty and twenty-three years old, their daughters; Mrs. Wenceslao Hoff, twenty-four years of age, her only son.

Three members of the Meza family survive. They are the baby son of Pedro Meza and two young daughters, Mercedes and Elvira. The children had been left at home in La Dura when the rest of the family drove in carriages to Guaymas.

Returning from Guaymas the party stopped at Ortiz, and it is supposed they were joined there by Mrs. Hoff and her son.

Here, it is said, they learned of the presence of a band of Yaquis in the Los Oates Mountains, near Oates Pass, through which they would have to travel to reach La Dura.

The worst of the gorge was passed, and they had entered the water valley, when from every ledge and mountain of debris came the crack of rifles.

The men charged desperately up the slopes, calling upon their heads a rain of lead to divert the fire from those they would be bound to protect. In this way they fell with their faces to the unseen foe.

The story of the massacre was brought to Ortiz by an Indian letter carrier, who shortly afterward went through the pass on his trip with the mail and who identified the bodies of those killed.

MR. C. VANDERBILT'S TOUR IN CUBA

Entertained by Mr. Vaughan, of the Nacional Bank, and by the American Minister.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE HERALD.]

HAVANA, Cuba, Saturday.—The yacht North Star, with Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt on board, came into port on Friday for a few days. The party was entertained by Mr. Edmund Vaughan, of the Banco Nacional, of Cuba, and with an automobile trip to Gahajay. In the evening they dined at Miramar, as the guests of the United States Minister, Mr. Edwin Morgan. Mr. William H. Thompson is with the Vanderbilts.

THE DEWEY NEAR GIBRALTAR.

Big Dry Dock Ninety Miles Off Port After Trip of Six Days from the Canary Islands.

GIBRALTAR, Saturday.—The United States floating dry dock Dewey communicated by wireless telegraph with the station here to-night. The Dewey was then ninety miles off port. She reported all well.

The tug Potomac, one of the Dewey's convoy, arrived here to-day from Las Palmas, Canary Islands. Her commander said the Dewey, which left the Canary Islands March 18, will pass through the Straits of Gibraltar on Sunday evening or Monday morning next. The knowledge gained by the earlier experiences has enabled the American officers to avoid the difficulties previously encountered, and the towing from Las Palmas is proceeding smoothly. Fair weather has prevailed and the dock is in good condition.

LACE IN HER SKIRT, WOMAN ARRESTED

"Mme. Cathers" Accused of Attempt to Smuggle Goods Worth \$300 from the Savoie.

COAT POCKETS FULL, TOO

Outer Garment, Handed to Young Woman on Pier, Leads to Traveller Being Held in \$2,500 Bail.

In pursuance of a recent decision by customs officials to adopt drastic measures to break up smuggling at this port, a woman, whose name appeared upon the passenger list of the Savoie as "Mme. C. Cathers," but who was said by customs officials to be Mrs. Ellen Caruthers, of New York, was arrested on the French line's pier yesterday morning soon after the arrival of the Savoie. She was charged with evading the customs laws. Arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields, she was held in \$2,500 bail for examination on Monday.

On leaving the steamship the woman was seen by Customs Inspector Norwood to hand a raincoat to a young woman on the pier. The latter woman attempted to pass the customs line immediately, but was held up by O'Connell, a "special." O'Connell found the pockets of the garment stuffed full of lace. Searched by a woman inspector, "Mme. Cathers" yielded a lot more of the same material, which had been sewn inside a skirt.

When taken before the United States Commissioner "Mme. Cathers," who is thought to be a dressmaker, declined to give her address and advised Assistant District Attorney Carmody to "mind his own business." In default of bail she was committed to the Tombs.

In the course of the afternoon a young woman describing herself as Beatrice McNeill appeared before the Commissioner and by depositing two one thousand dollar bills and a five hundred dollar bill qualified as surety for the alleged smuggler, who was then released from the Tombs. The value of the goods seized is said to be about \$300.

DIED OF MYSTERIOUS ILLNESS

Mother and Child Victims, as Well as Chickens and Wild Birds.

ALBANY, Ore., Saturday.—At Munkers, in Linn county, a mother and child are dead as the result of a mysterious disease or poison that attacks the throat. A large number of chickens similarly affected have died, as have large numbers of wild birds which have visited the place. The victims of the mysterious affliction are Mrs. Thomas McClain and her little daughter. That the chickens died of poisoning seems probable, and the neighbors believe that Mrs. McClain and her daughter died from some noxious drug.

PARENTS PLEAD FOR TUCKER.

Declare to Governor That Their Son Has Been "Unjustly Convicted" of the Page Murder.

BROOKLYN, Mass., Saturday.—The letter to Governor Gould written by Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Tucker, in which an appeal for executive clemency is made in behalf of their son, Charles L. Tucker, now under sentence of death for the murder of Mabel Page, was made public at the State House to-day.

In the letter the parents declare that their son has been "disgracefully and unjustly convicted of a crime of which he is entirely innocent" and a pardon is asked.

Governor Gould has replied that he will seriously consider the case when it is formally presented to him.

SHIP IN RACE WITH FIRE.

The British Freighter Titian Making for St. Johns, N. F., with Cargo Ablaze.

St. Johns, N. F., Saturday.—The British freight steamship Titian, bound from New York for Manchester, England, is off Cape Race with her cargo on fire. She reported her condition to a signal station at Cape Race this afternoon and added that she was attempting to reach this port. A furious snowstorm is raging here and it is feared that the steamer may not be able to make her way into the harbor. She carries a crew of sixty men.

The Titian, in command of Captain Amey, left New York last Sunday with a cargo of general merchandise. There were no passengers aboard.

GARFIELD BLAMED FOR PACKERS' CASE

President Stands by Him, but Other Officials Criticise

WARNED OF FAILURE

Administration Stunned by What Is Deemed the President's Greatest Defeat.

JUDICIARY DISCUSSED ALSO

Talk of Reforming the Federal Bench Results from the Chicago Decision.

HERALD BUREAU, No. 734 FIFTH AVENUE, N. Y., SATURDAY, D. C., Saturday.

Although President Roosevelt is reported to be standing manfully by James R. Garfield, his Commissioner of Corporations, there is a disposition in other official circles in Washington to blame him entirely for the escape of the members of the Beef Trust from the criminal law at Chicago. The decision of Judge Humphrey has stunned the President and the Department of Justice. They are still looking for some means of retrieving the worst defeat the administration has suffered.

There was a conference to-day between Attorney General Moody, Assistant Attorney General Purdy and Solicitor General Hoyt to decide on some step, but no decision was reached. There appears yet no way in which the government can have the cases against Messrs. Armour, Swift and others reviewed, though prosecuting officers of the government believe that if they could get the case to the Supreme Court of the United States the result would be different.

In this situation some persons are looking for a scapegoat. All eyes are directed toward Mr. Garfield, and members of Congress intimate that the members of the Bureau of Corporations, in their opinion, has ceased. Indeed, republican members who will have to appeal for re-election this fall are alarmed at the possible effect on voters of the escape of Armour and Swift. It is said of Mr. Garfield that he was warned against the very thing that has come to pass.

"No fear of that," Mr. Garfield is reported to have replied. "I know these men very well. They are friends of mine. I know them socially. I can get the information from almost any one else would fail. I will go straight to them and get all their secrets."

Many persons who know Mr. Garfield fail to understand why he was misled not only as to the real facts of the beef business, which he failed to discover, but as to the immunity he was granting the packers. He is the son of the late President Garfield. He had every advantage of education and has been a practicing attorney for almost eighteen years. He organized the Bureau of Corporations under the supervision of George B. Cortelyou, and was supposed to be conversant with the ways and the wiles of the corporations.

There have been consultations to devise, if possible, some means of reforming the federal judiciary. So bitterly disappointed is the administration that it would go to almost any lengths to raise the standard of the judges in the United States district courts. One suggestion has been to try to limit the terms of the judges, who are now appointed for life, and to remove by impeachment proceedings.

It can be stated that the main reason why the President and the Attorney General have opposed giving wide power of review of railroad rates is that they believe that the United States judges are not up to the task.

There is apparently a fear in the Department of Justice that Commissioner Garfield, in addition to granting immunity to the individuals comprising the anthracite trust, has also given the capitalists who form the sugar and lumber trusts "immunity battis."

URGES INDICTMENT IN FREIGHT FRAUD

District Attorney of the County Should Act, Declares Commissioner Prouty.

Investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission into alleged underbilling and misclassification of freight by merchants shipping out of New York and vicinity was resumed yesterday morning in the Federal Building. Testimony was given on Friday by Robert G. Stevenson, chief inspector of the Trunk Line Association, to the effect that an average of ten thousand packages a month were misdescribed by shippers. The names of a number of New York firms were given as the most persistent offenders.

When the hearing was resumed yesterday morning the New York superintendent for one of the New York firms mentioned as frequently misdescribing shipments was called as a witness. He said that it was the custom of the firm to ship packages of mixed goods of different classifications in the one package, but that the instructions to the shippers and packers were to give it the highest classification.

Another of those mentioned as persistently misdescribing shipments, a looking glass manufacturer, appeared as the next witness. His firm was charged with constantly shipping looking glasses, first class, as plate glass, second class. He said he understood that plate glass and looking glass took the same classification, and at any rate they were paying the first class tariff on their shipments.

Commissioner Prouty asked Inspector Stevenson, who was recalled, what he would advise the commission to do to correct the evils complained of.

"I would recommend a vigorous prosecution of all firms for the misdescription of goods and the false declarations of weight," said Mr. Stevenson.

"Why don't you apply yourself to the District Attorney of this county?" responded Commissioner Prouty.

"The misdescription of goods is a violation of the law, and where you find a shipper persistently and maliciously doing this you should apply to the District Attorney and have him indicted and punished."

The hearing was adjourned without date at the conclusion of further testimony by accused merchants.

Tourist Killed in California.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Saturday.—Edward Nichols, seventy-four years old, a tourist from Trenton, N. J., was struck and almost instantly killed by a Pacific electric car yesterday at Watts station. Nichols was walking across the street when he was struck and was hurled nearly fifty feet.